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Please print this for your co-workers. The City is continuing to save money by not producing printed copies of the City Update, but still needs to communicate to all employees. Please help by printing this newsletter (preferably back-to-back) for workers in your area who do not have computer access. Thank you.

Volunteer TODAY for the Big River Cleanup!

Organizers of the Mississippi River Relief - Big River Cleanup announced that plans are underway for another river cleanup in the Twin Cities, June 14-21, 2003. An estimated 1,500 volunteers will comb the riverbanks from Prescott, WI to St. Anthony Falls, MN.

This is just the first leg of a 400-mile, summer-long cleanup that will begin in the Twin Cities on June 14 and end in the Quad Cities on August 23. An estimated 2,500 - 3,000 volunteers will roll up their sleeves and remove tons of trash from the Mississippi River.

Last year, over 1200 volunteers collected nearly 100 tons (an average of 135 pounds per person*) of trash from the Mississippi River during an eight-day cleanup in the Twin Cities Area. The event was an amazing partnership of more than 50 Minnesota businesses, environmental organizations and governmental agencies working together to improve one of the country's greatest assets.

Spiriting last year's cleanup effort was Chad Pregracke, a 27-year-old native of the East Moline, Illinois, and

founder of Living Lands and Waters, who has led scores of community cleanups along the Mississippi, Ohio and Illinois Rivers. This year, Chad Pregracke will be teaming up with Audubon's Upper Mississippi River Campaign to host an even bigger event.



"Last year's cleanup made a huge difference," said Anne Hunt, cleanup organizer. "Unfortunately, there is still a lot of stuff out there. The large amount of garbage along the river banks, coupled with the heavy rains and

the rising river, made it impossible to get all the trash last year," Hunt said.

"As residents along the Upper Mississippi River, we have a responsibility to not make our trash somebody else's problem downstream," said Dan McGuiness, Audubon. "That's why nonprofit organizations and businesses like Audubon, Cargill and Flint Hills Resources here in the Twin Cities are teaming up with Chad Pregracke of Living Lands & Waters in the Quad Cities. We want to make this entire stretch of the Mississippi River cleaner for wildlife and people."

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"By teaming up with Chad and his crew, we'll be able to provide all the boats and equipment necessary to get the job done," said McGuiness. "Audubon's Lilly Belle and Living Lands & Water's floating classroom will also provide a unique educational experience for volunteers. Folks will be able to clean up the river and learn a little something about the river's history and how to protect this national treasure," said McGuiness.

Hunt says garbage along the Mississippi River banks got there one of three ways. "It was washed down the storm sewers; it was illegally dumped; or was improperly disposed of by users of the river, including boaters and fishermen. We all need to do our part to clean up the river."

Cleanups and educational events are scheduled all summer long. Call the Cleanup Hotline at 651.739.1127 or visit www.rivercleanup.org for more information or to register as a volunteer.

The Mississippi River Relief - Big River Cleanup, the largest cleanup ever conducted along this stretch of the river, is a partnership of numerous environmental, government and business organizations. Major sponsors are Audubon's Upper Mississippi River Campaign; Cargill; Department of Natural Resources, Flint Hills Resources, Living Lands & Waters, The Saint Paul Foundation and Upper River Services.

Deferred compensation enhancements announced

The Labor Management Committee on Health Insurance (LMCHI) is pleased to announce a very important enhancement to your current 457 deferred compensation options. Effective June 1, 2003, ING was added as an optional Deferred Compensation Plan in addition to the current Minnesota State Deferred Compensation Plan administered by NBI/Ochs.

Over the past 24 months, the LMCHI has conducted interviews with several different investment companies in order to provide a quality option to our current plan and to provide employees with a choice. The following important goals were pursued in determining the company that would best serve our employees:

- providing greater investment diversification
- providing plan service through advancement and technology
- providing proactive educational programs
- providing one-on-one personal meetings

ING has been providing retirement plan services since 1967. With more than 30 years experience with public sector plans and \$14 billion in governmental plan assets under management, ING is clearly an industry leader and

innovator. ING has been providing retirement plan services to the employees of Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis since 1972. ING is committed to working with you, combining their years of experience in comprehensive services, to meet your retirement objectives.

You are invited to meet with ING representatives at one of the

following education and enrollment meetings being held from 11:30 a.m.

to 12:30 p.m. You must attend on your own time, not City-paid time.

June 12 - Phalen Park Clubhouse

June 16 - City Hall (Room 40 A&B)

June 18 - Hamline Yard (2nd Floor Conference Room)

June 24 - City Hall (Room 40 A&B)

June 25 - Dale Street Garage (2nd Floor Training Room)

If you can't attend one of the meetings, or if you have questions about ING, you can contact their representative, Dan Eastman, at 612-492-0216.

City job openings as of June 13th, 2003

Application deadline	Job title	Bi-weekly or hourly salary rate	Exam date
Open	Aquatics Facility Supervisor (seasonal)	\$11.37 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Assistant Aquatics Facility Supervisor (seasonal)	\$9.79 per hr	See Job Ann
06/12/03	IS Information/Technical Analyst II	\$1,523.52 bi-weekly	See Job Ann
06/23/03	Lead Gardener	\$20.94 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Life Guard (seasonal)	\$8.20 per hr	See Job Ann
Open	Water Safety Instructor (seasonal)	\$8.72 per hr	See Job Ann

Note: Call or visit the Office of Human Resources to receive the official job announcement for these positions. Location: 400 City Hall Annex. Phone: 651-266-6500 or visit the web site: www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/jobopenings. For jobs announced after June 5th, please call our 24-hour job line, 651-266-6502.

On January 16th, 2003, Mayor Randy Kelly announced a hiring freeze for the City of Saint Paul until further notice. This applies to all positions within the City, but excludes the Saint Paul-Ramsey County Department of Public Health and RiverCentre.

Certain positions may be determined exempt for the hiring freeze; please continue to check our web site and job line to see if there are any new postings in which you might be interested.